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COAL MINES BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) proposes to develop coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of projects; and

(c) the time by which the above projects are likely to be developed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) to (c) : NTPC has been allocated six coal blocks by the Ministry of Coal namely, Pakri-Barwadih, Chatti-Bariatu, Kerandari, Dulanga, Talaipalli and Chatti-Bariatu (South).

The development of the coal blocks is at various stages. Mine Developer Cum Operator (MDO) has been appointed in the Pakri-Barwadih coal block. Mining operation is likely to commence from this block in March, 2012. Mining Operation from the remaining blocks is expected to start during 12th Plan subject to availability of necessary statutory clearances including forestry clearance, physical possession of land and availability of railway links for evacuation of coal. Dulanga coal block has been declared as a `no go` area by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.